

**Abstract**

An apparatus (10) for helping to protect a vehicle  
occupant (36) includes an inflatable vehicle occupant  
protection device (44) having a stored, deflated condition  
5 and an inflated condition for helping to protect the  
occupant. An inflator (46) provides inflation fluid to  
inflate the protection device (44). The apparatus (10)  
also includes a flap (80) made of fabric material. The  
flap (80) is stored with the protection device (44). The  
10 flap (80) is deployed by inflation of the protection  
device (44) into a position engaging and covering a head  
(38) of the vehicle occupant for guiding deployment of the  
protection device (44) over the head of the occupant.